

Media Campaign on world Diabetes Day

***49. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA:** Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently issued a lot of newspaper advertisements to remember and celebrate World Diabetes Day;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the specific cost of the advertisements given in October, 2006;

(d) the details of cost benefit yardstick used to assess and critically judge the utility of such advertisements; and

(e) the details of policy formulations behind issuing advertisements on such disease or illness-specific days?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) to (e) No Sir, Government of India has not issued any newspaper advertisement on World Diabetes Day recently. However, the advertisements in print media are considered an acceptable method of health awareness for prevention, early detection and management of various diseases including Diabetes.

The Planning Commission has recently accorded 'in principle' approval to the proposed National Programme for Control of Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS) on a pilot basis during 2006-07. The action plan for the preparatory phase has been drawn up where the focus is on increasing public awareness about the risk factors associated with Diabetes, CVD and stroke. The Strategy of National Programme for Control of Diabetes, Cardiovascular diseases and Stroke during the 11th five year plan has been submitted to planning commission.

Measures to control dengue and chikungunya

***50 SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:** Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that viral diseases like dengue and chikungunya created a havoc in the country and large sections of people fell victim of these diseases and this also took a heavy toll of human lives;

(b) if so, whether Government had called a meeting of all the Health Ministers of the affected States to discuss the situation arising out of these diseases;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(d) the steps both the Central and the State Governments have taken to meet the situation arising out of these diseases?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) It is a fact that the viral diseases like dengue and Chikungunya were a public health problem this year. Dengue has been occurring in the country every year with upsurge during the monsoon and post monsoon months but Chikungunya fever has been reported in the country this year after a long period on widespread basis. State-wise distribution of Dengue and Chikungunya cases is enclosed at Statement-I and II respectively (See below). About 162 deaths as on 22nd November, 2006, due to dengue were recorded but there were no reported deaths directly attributable to Chikungunya fever.

(b) and (c) Government of India had convened a meeting of Health Ministers of Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra on 8th August to review the Chikungunya situation. Government of India had convened another meeting of Health Ministers of Delhi, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Haryana on 05.10.2006 to review Dengue situation. On 11.10.2006, a meeting of 10 state Health Ministers namely Andhra Pradesh, Delhi, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Pondicherry, Rajasthan, Karnataka and Kerala was convened to discuss the Chikungunya situation in the country. State Health Ministers conveyed that all necessary remedial measures are being taken by the states for the effective control of Dengue and Chikungunya. However, to sustain the efforts for prevention and control of Dengue and Chikungunya fever, additional resources were requested from Government of India for IEC activities, procurement of larvicides (Temephos), adulticides (Pyrethrum), fogging machines, diagnostic kits etc. Government of India has sanctioned an emergency package of Rs. 2160.40 lakhs to the affected states.

(d) The Central and the State Governments have taken the following steps:—

- Continuous monitoring of Dengue and Chikungunya situation right from the first reporting of the cases.
- Detailed guidelines and advisories for prevention and control of these diseases have been sent to all affected states.
- Intensive Behaviour Change Communication activities through print and electronic media, interpersonal communication, outdoor publicity as well as inter-sectoral collaboration with civil society organizations (NGOs/CBOs/FBOs/ Self Help Groups), Panchayati Raj Institutes has been emphasized.
- Government of India has supplied larvicides, adulticides to affected states for control of Dengue and Chikungunya.
- For advanced diagnosis, the Government of India has identified Apex Referral institutions and sentinel centres for regular surveillance of Dengue and Chikungunya fever cases.
- Monitoring and supervision to ensure timely remedial measures and technical assistance to affected States.
- Introduction of bye-laws for urban and rural local bodies for prevention of mosquito-genic conditions.

Statement-I

State-wise Dengue Cases & Deaths (As on 22/11/2006)

Sl. No.	State	2003		2004		2005		2006 (up to 21 Nov.)		2006 (upto 22 Nov.)		During the - last 24 hrs	
		C	D	C	D	C	D	C	D	C	D	C	D
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
1	Andhra Pradesh	95	5	230	1	99	2	150	16	150	16	0	0
2	Chandigarh	0	0	0	0	2	0	108	0	168	0	60	0
3	Delhi	2882	35	606	3	1023	9	3240	64*	3252	64*	12	0
4	Goa	12	2	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
5	Gujarat	249	9	117	4	454	11	503	3	503	3	0	0
6	Haryana	95	4	25	0	183	1	450	2	450	2	0	0
7	J&K	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	0	24	0	0	0
8	Karnataka	1226	7	291	2	587	17	98	7	98	7	0	0
9	Kerala	3546	68	686	8	1028	8	880	5	880	5	0	0
10	Maharashtra	772	45	856	22	349	56	593	20	593	20	0	0
11	Sikkim	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	Punjab	848	13	52	0	251	2	931	5	931	5	0	0
13	Rajasthan	685	11	207	5	370	5	1224	17	1224	17	0	0
14	Tamil Nadu	1600	8	1027	0	1142	8	328	2	328	2	0	0
15	Pondicherry	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16	Uttar Pradesh	738	8	8	0	121	4	631	14	631	14	0	0
17	D&N Haveli	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	West Bengal	0	0	32	0	6375	34	975	7	975	7	0	0
19	Madhya Pradesh	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	7	0	0	0
TOTAL:		12754	215	4153	45	11985	157	10142	162	10214	162	72	0

C=Cases, D=Deaths

38 Deaths from Dengue Confirmed in Delhi & NCR and 26 Suspected Deaths from Dengue reported (8 from Delhi and 18 from other states) - Confirmation report still awaited

(*13 suspected deaths have not been confirmed by the MCD Board, thereby, deleted)

Controlling suicides

*51. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY:
SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether suicides by farmers are still going on in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the reasons for the large scale suicides of farmers; and

(d) the corrective measures taken by the Central Government in this regard?